

Semiclassical strings in AdS/CFT

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Conjecture but can be based on physical arguments + significant evidence that it is correct!

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